

# Welcome to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve!

Ebey's Reserve is one of the largest national historic districts in the nation, but it also has boundless opportunities for adventure and recreation: hiking, paddling, biking, diving, sailing, camping, kite flying, dog walking, bird watching, whale watching, fishing, mussel eating and antique-hunting... and more! As the only National Historical Reserve in the National Park system, it is quirky and unique, so there are some things you should know in order to make the most of your time here.

Unlike traditional National Parks or National Historical Parks, which are owned by the American people and exclude private ownership, the Reserve is a living, functioning community. Eighty-five percent of our 17,572 acres is privately owned by ordinary citizens, agencies and organizations. This map is designed for two purposes: to help our guests navigate the best recreational hot spots on the Reserve, and to steer them away from unwitting trespass on private property.

Ebev's Reserve includes three Washington State Parks, four Island County Parks and three Town of Coupeville Parks, all unique and all offering different opportunities. The map icons will show you where to go to enjoy your favorite activities, and the map's color coding will help you avoid private lands. Please note the following caveats:

- Dogs are welcome but must be on-leash on all Reserve trails. There is an off-leash dog area at Patmore County Park on Patmore Road. PLEASE clean up after your pet wherever
- Paragliding is allowed only within the boundaries of Fort Ebey State Park. Please consult with the Park for rules and regulations. Call Washington State Parks regional Head Quarters at Fort Casey at: (360) 678-4519.
- Many roads throughout the Reserve are great for road biking, and the Kettles Trails offer a network of mountain biking trails. For suggested routes and detailed maps, see http://www.whidbeycamanoislands.com/thingstodo/ outdoor\_adventure/cycling/
- Horseback riding is permitted on the Kettles Trails but not over the park boundary into Fort Ebey State Park. Trailer parking is available at the junction of SR20 and Libbey Road, as well as at pull-outs at the Kettles Trails gates along SR20.
- The Pacific Northwest Trail (PNT) suffers continuity breaks as it makes its way from Fort Ebey to Fort Casey State Parks. See main map and detail map of Fort Ebey for further information.

For more information go to: www.nps.gov/ebla

Thank you for respecting the privacy of the residents of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, but more importantly

### Enjoy your visit!!

## **A Historic Focal** Point for the Region

Central Whidbey Island has always been a great turnstile for the natural system of marine highways that connect Georgia Strait, Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca – the Salish Sea – and beyond.

Our region represents the southern terminus of the Inside Passage, a 1,000mile long waterway among coastal islands from Washington to Alaska. Northwest Coastal Indians traveled this great distance in grand cedar canoes to connect with a vast trade



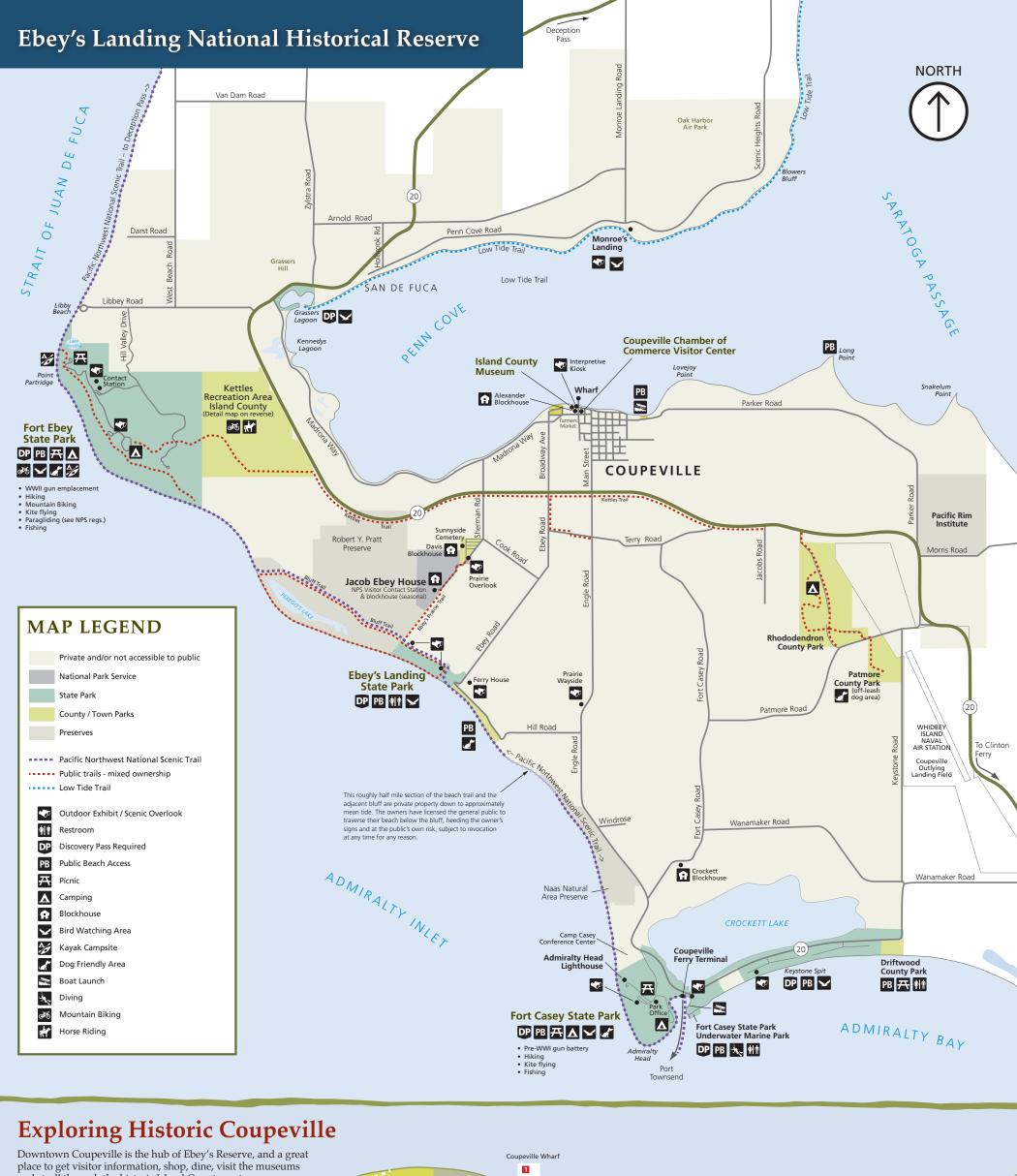
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## Trails Map

Explore the Reserve

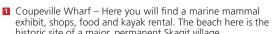






and stroll through the historic Island County seat.

A Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Coupeville includes 64 historic buildings in the downtown area. You can download the brochure at: http://www.nps.gov/ ebla/upload/WalkingTourPanels.pdf



- historic site of a major, permanent Skagit village. 2 Island County Historical Museum – This fine regional museum boasts both native and settler exhibits.
- 3 Alexander Blockhouse This blockhouse was built as a defensive retreat in 1855 during the Washington Territory's Treaty Era. A collection of native racing canoes and the remnant of a large 1840 cross left by Catholic missionaries stand nearby.
- ▲ The Old Firehouse The home of Coupeville's Chamber of Commerce, this serves as a visitor information center for the Town and Reserve.
- 5 Joseph Whidbey Memorial Marker This stone commemorates the earliest European exploration and circumnavigation of the island by Joseph Whidbey, a master on George Vancouver's 1792 expedition to the Pacific Northwest.

#### **Founding Era Homes:**

The buildings noted here were all built prior to 1870 and represent the first generation of American settlement. Today the Robertson House and Store hold commercial ventures. The remaining privately owned dwellings are not exhibits and are not open to the public. Please respect our residents' privacy and property.



Highway 20

3rd St NE

**Walking Tour** 

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John Robertson House 1864

Thomas Coupe House 1854

Griffith-Brooks House 1869

**8** Granville Haller-Raphael Brunn House 1866 & 1859

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